

United States District Court

Eastern District of Missouri
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PRESS RELEASE

The Honorable Audrey Goldstein Fleissig took the oath of office today to begin her new appointment as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. Chief United States District Catherine D. Perry administered the oath in a private ceremony at the Thomas F. Eagleton United States Courthouse attended by Judge Fleissig's immediate family and her judicial colleagues. Following the recommendation of United States Senator Claire McCaskill, Judge Fleissig was nominated by President Obama in January, and the United States Senate confirmed Judge Fleissig's appointment on Monday, June 7, 2010.

Judge Fleissig has served the district court since August 3, 2001 when she was first appointed for an eight year term as a United States Magistrate Judge. The judges of the district court reappointed her to another term in August 2009. Prior to joining the federal bench, Judge Fleissig served as the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri from January 2000 until April 2001, and was also an Assistant United States Attorney in that office for nine years. She earned her undergraduate degree, *magna cum laude*, from Carlton College in 1976 and her juris doctor at Washington University School of Law in 1980, where she graduated Order of the Coif and was on the law review. Judge Fleissig has served as a adjunct instructor at the Washington University School of Law for over 20 years, and currently teaches Evidence.

Following the administration of the oath of office, Judge Fleissig stated, "I am so honored to be a part of this court. My colleagues have been very supportive, and I expect to seek guidance from them in the months ahead while I learn the duties of this new job." Judge Fleissig's duty station will be in the Eagleton Courthouse in St. Louis, and she will also preside over cases as needed in the Hannibal and Cape Girardeau divisions.

The Eastern District of Missouri, which has jurisdiction for federal civil and criminal cases originating in 49 counties, is based in St. Louis and has divisions in Cape Girardeau and Hannibal, Missouri. Judge Fleissig is filling a vacancy on the court created when Judge E. Richard Webber assumed senior status on June 30, 2009. The district court has eight authorized district judges and seven magistrate judges, and currently has three senior judges who assist with the work of the court.